

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVE JAIME BETANCOURT Bronx Narcotics

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002, off-duty Detective Jaime Betancourt was stabbed to death when he attempted to stop his girlfriend's crazed ex-boyfriend from entering her residence.



At about 8:00 am, in a building located on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx, the suspect knocked on the fifth floor apartment door of the girlfriend of Detective Betancourt and tried to gain entrance. Detective Betancourt's girlfriend refused to let the suspect enter but the suspect persisted. Detective Betancourt, who was present in the apartment at the time, became concerned for the safety of everyone in the residence and intervened in the dispute to prevent an assault on his girlfriend.

An altercation between the detective and the suspect ensued and when Detective Betancourt tried to effect an arrest, the suspect pulled a knife and stabbed Detective Betancourt in the chest.

The suspect fled but was later apprehended in Miami, Florida, and charged with murder. He was sentenced to 17 years to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 2022.

A subsequent investigation into the tragic incident by The New York City Police Department determined that Detective Betancourt was acting in the line of duty when he was murdered.

Detective Jaime Betancourt served with the New York City Police Department for 9 years and he was 34 years old. He was survived by his mother, Ana; and his three children, Carmen, Carla and Jaime Jr.

